# **BEARFACTS** 1996 – 2006 **Sussex**, **Delaware** [10005]

Sussex is one of 3 counties in Delaware. It is part of the Seaford, DE Micropolitan SA. Its 2006 population of 180,039 ranked 2nd in the state.

### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Sussex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$31,385. This PCPI ranked 2nd in the state and was 80 percent of the state average, \$39,131, and 85 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.3 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Sussex was \$20,696 and ranked 2nd in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Sussex had a total personal income (TPI) of \$5,650,513\*. This TPI ranked 2nd in the state and accounted for 16.9 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Sussex was \$2,887,761\* and ranked 2nd in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 6.8 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.1 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

## COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Sussex. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 58.9 percent of TPI (compared with 57.6 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.2 percent (compared with 21.5 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 22.9 percent (compared with 20.9 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 3.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 12.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.3 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 7.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.9 percent.

#### EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Sussex increased from \$3,241,359\* in 2005 to \$3,371,042\* in 2006, an increase of 4.0 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$1,707,689\* to the 2006 estimate was 7.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.1 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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